

## **REMARKS**

### **The Amendments**

Claims 1-6, 8, and 10 are pending with claims 7 and 9 canceled by this paper.

### **Priority**

The first paragraph of the specification has been amended as suggested.

### **Election/Restriction**

Applicants affirm the election of claims 1-8 and 10 of Group I with traverse. Particularly, applicants are traversing this restriction because the Office has not established that searching the full scope of the claims would constitute an undue burden. Although applicants are canceling withdrawn claim 9, applicants reserve the right to represent this claim at a later date.

### **Claims Rejections under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph and Specification Objection**

Claims 3 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. With respect to claim 3, applicants have made amendments to this claim to remove the rejections. Similarly, applicants have also amended the specification at pages 1 and 6 as depicted above. With respect to the last three compounds depicted in the Markush group of claim 3, applicants respectfully submit that one of ordinary skill in the art would readily recognize that the groups  $\text{CF}_3$  and  $\text{SO}_2$  or  $\text{SO}_3$  are reversed in those compounds. Moreover, one of ordinary skill in the art would readily recognize the solution of switching these groups to depict the proper compound, because as discussed in the specification, these compounds are known lithium salts used in electrolyte solutions.

In addition, applicants have amended the claims and specification to show the ion charges of each salt group, as well as adding the names of these compounds in the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that they are not adding any new matter to the application. With respect to the formula  $\text{Li}^+ [\text{AsF}_6]^-$ , applicants respectfully submit that this amendment merely corrects a typographical error with respect to the previously depicted incorrect formula  $\text{LiAsF}_6$ .

In addition, other amendments have been made to claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 10. These amendments are made to clarify the claims.

None of the amendments discussed above narrow the scope of the claims.

With respect to the amendments to claims 6 and 8, amendments have been made to remove these rejections. Furthermore, support for these amendments can be found in cited German Application Nos. DE 19941566 at page 8, line 29 and DE 19959722 at page 11, line 35. Both of these references are incorporated by reference in the present application and Applicants believe that no translations are required because the support is obvious from the references.

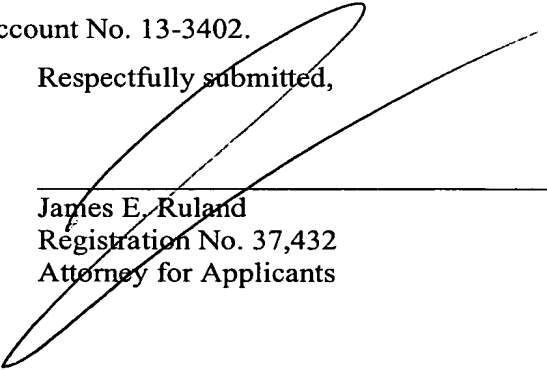
With respect to claim 8, applicants respectfully submit that the latter reference discloses exemplary borates having a charge of negative one. Alternatively, applicants respectfully submit that one of ordinary in the art would readily understand what values to choose for variables x and y so as not violate the law of chemical neutrality of compounds. Consequently, one of ordinary skill in the art would readily understand the metes and bounds of claim 8.

Applicants acknowledge that claims 1-2, 4-5 and 10 are allowed.

In view of the above remarks, favorably reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues that can be expedited by a telephone conference, the examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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